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In re application of:

Uwe Heitmann

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated August 6, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply.

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